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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 14-20

1. WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK CENTERED AROUND THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO PANAMA AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING.

2. PANAMA. PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO PANAMA WAS HIGHLY BEEFICIAL IN ACCOMPLISHING TWO OF THE MOST IMMEDIATE GOALS OF OUR POLICY IN PANAMA. APART FROM THE DELIVERY OF INSTRU-MENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL OF EXCHANGE, THE VIUT SERVED TO
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UNDERSCORE A) THE NEED FOR AND EXPECTATION OF PANAMANIAN COOPERATION WITH US IN THE CANAL ENTERPRISE AND B) THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF PANAMA CANAL COMPANY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE NEW TREATY. THE POPULAR TURNOUT IN THE CINCO DE MAYO PLAZA WAS ENORMOUS, ESTIMATED BY SOME OBSERVERS AT ABOUT 250,000 PERSONS OR ONE-SEVENTH OF THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SUPPLIED

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ON THE PRESIDENT'S MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE PRESENT. THE JOINT STATEMENT (NOT INCLUDING MEXICO) ISSUED AFTER THE TWO MULTILATERALS HAS BEEN REPEATED TO ALL ARA POSTS. IN SUMMARY, THE VISIT WENT VERY WELL AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS TO MAR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

3. CARIBBEAN COOPERATION. THE WORLD BANK IS HOLDING THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR COOPERATION IN ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON. DONORS, RECIPIENTS, AND IFI'S ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING WHICH WILL LAST FROM JUNE 19 THROUGH JUNE 24. THE WORLD BANK HAS IDENTIFIED AN OVERALL REQUIREMENT OF SOME $650 MILLION A YEAR IN ASSISTANCE FLOWS TO THE CARIBBEAN, APPROMIMATELY $200-$250 MILLION IN EXCESS OF CURRENT FLOWS. THE BANK HAS ALSO PROPOSED A CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FACILITY FOR THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO HELP FUND LOCAL COSTS AND COST OVERRUNS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. WE HAVE INDICATED WE WOULD PROVIDE ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE FIRST-YEAR REQUIREMENTS OF THE FACILITY, PROVIDED OTHER DONORS CONTRIBUTE THE OTHER 70 PERCENT AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE APPROPRIATE SELF-HELP MEASURES. THE PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE PROVISION, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, OF $20 MILLION OF THE COMMITMENT IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND WE WILL LOOK INTO THE AVAILABILITY OF PL480 OR ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. VENEZUELA HAS INDICATED IT WILL SUPPLY 10 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING
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FOR THE FIRST YEAR, AND HAS LOBBIED ACTIVELY TO OBTAIN SIMILAR COMMITMENTS FROM THE OTHER DONOR NATIONS.

4. THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS WILL HOLD HEARINGS JUNE 27 AND 28 ON ARMS RESTRAINT AND TRANSFER POLICIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN BUSHNELL WILL TESTIFY FOR ARA ON JUNE 27. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HOPES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC ARMS SUPPLIERS AND WHAT, IF ANY, RESTRICTIONS OR COUNTRY SANCTIONS THESE SUPPLIERS HAVE ADOPTED. THE ARMS EXPORT CAPABILITIES OF INTRA-HEMISPHERIC SUPPLIERS IS ALSO OF INTEREST TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE. OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN ARE THE IMPACT OF U.S. POLICIES ON DOMESTIC ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND EFFORTS TO COORDINATE OUR POLICIES WITH THOSE OF OTHER SUPPLIERS.

5. BRAZIL: NUCLEAR DIPLOMACY. AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH, ACCOMPANIED BY OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOSENZO, HAD A USEFUL 2-DAY TRIP TO BRAZIL JUNE 12-13. NOTWITHSTANDING THE DELICACY OF U.S.-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR RELATIONS, SMITH WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA:

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-- THE BRAZILIANS SAID THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF USING ANY
U.S. SUPPLY FOR ANY PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE PURPOSE AND
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER WRITTEN CLARIFICA-
TION AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES ON PHYSICAL
PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW NRC REGULATIONS. THIS
SHOULD HELP INSURE MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING BY THE NRC OF
FUTURE REQUESTS TO EXPORT FUEL FOR THE ANGRA I POWER
REACTOR UNDER THE IMMEDIATELY APPLICABLE CRIT
ERIA OF THE
ACT.

--FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA SAID ALL BRAZILIAN FACILITIES
ARE UNDER SAFEGUARDS AND EXPRESSED BRAZIL'S INTENT TO
MAINTAIN ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM UNDER SAFEGUARDS WHICH WOULD
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SATISFY THIS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF THE ACT FOR CON-
TINUING U.S. FUEL SUPPLIES AFTER 1980.

5. ARA'S JUNE 17 CONTRIBUTION TO WEEKLY ISSUES.
PUERTO RICEO: POSSIBLE FALL-OUT FROM PANAMA

ON JANUARY 9 LAST YEAR THE HAVANA INTERNATIONAL NEWS
SERVICE BROADCAST THAT:

"ABOUT ONE AND HALF CENTURIES AGO THE LIBERATOR, SIMON
BOLIVAR, SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SEEMED TO BE DES-
TINED BY PROVIDENCE TO PLAGUE OUR AMERICA WITH INJUSTICES
IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY. THE LIBERATOR MADE THESE STATE-
MENTS SHORTLY AFTER US INTERFERENCE CAUSED THE PANAMA
AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS CONVOKED BY BOLIVAR IN 1826 TO
FAIL. AND PANAMA HAS BECOME PRECISELY ONE OF THE FAVORITE
VICTIMS OF THE IMPERIALIST NORTH AMERICANS. COUNTLESS
AGGRESSIONS AND INJUSTICES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE
UNITED STATES IN THAT ISTHMIAN COUNTRY."

ON APRIL 22, FOUR DAYS AFTER THE US SENATE RATIFIED THE
CANAL TREATIES, CUBA'S NEWS SERVICE, FORCED ON A NEW
TACK, INDICATED THAT HAVANA WAS "...WILLING TO ACCEPT THE
TREATIES AND CLOSE THAT CHAPTER IN US-LATIN RELATIONS."

NOW THAT PANAMA IS NO LONGER A SUITABLE PRIMARY FOCAL
POINT FOR COMMUNIST AND NATIONALIST ATTACKS ON US LATIN
AMERICAN POLICY, THE SEARCH FOR NEW VULNERABILITIES IS
LIKELY TO PROJECT PUERTO RICO AS THE PEG FOR CHARGES OF
"COLONIALISM".

PUERTO RICO HAS LONG BEEN A FAVORITE CUBAN PROJECT IN
THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24. AND AT LAST MONTH'S NON-ALIGNED
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COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING IN HAVANA, THE COMMUNIQUE ENDORSED CUBAN LANGUAGE WHICH REAFFIRMED "...THE RIGHT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE" AND CALLED FOR "...RAPID ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO THAT END.

FURTHER DEBATE -- AND CRITICAL RHETORIC -- ON THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO IS THUS INEVITABLE, LIKELY TO INCREASE, AND BE RAISED AGAIN AT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT PLENARY SESSION IN BELGRADE THIS AUGUST AND IN THE US.

LAST YEAR PROMINENT PUERTO RICAN ADVOCATES OF STATEHOOD AND COMMONWEALTH BOTH APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF 24, IMPLYING THAT THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION EXTENDED TO PUERTO RICE; AND IN ADDITION FBI DOCUMENTION HAS SURFACED RECENTLY UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THAT APPEARS TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES OF FBI HARASSMENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT DURING THE 1967 STATUS REFERENDUM -- A REFERENDUM ON WHICH WE HAVE BASED OUR CASE THAT PUERTO RICO'S STATUS REFLECTED THE WILL OF ITS PEOPLE.

PUERTO RICO'S PROMOTION TO "SHOW CASE OF IMPERIALISM" WILL HAVE TROUBLESOME ASPECTS. BUT WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS: IF PUERTO RICO, LIKE PANAMA, WERE SUDDENLY TO BECOME A "CLOSED CHAPTER", A NEW ISSUE WOULD BE OPENED. THAT IS ONE REASON WE MUST NOW CONCENTRATE ON PROJECTING A COHERENT, VISION OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS NOT SUBJECT TO SINGLE-ISSUE DEFAMATION.
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